

s. No	States/UTs.	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
18.	Orissa	2.86	2.49	2.43
19.	Punjab	0.6	0.51	0.42
20.	Rajasthan	26.3	24.44	9.04
21.	Sikkim	0.06	0.06	0.09
22.	Tamil Nadu	2.38	3.04	3.64
23.	Tripura	0.05	0.04	0.04
24.	Uttar Pradesh	22.8	23.24	25.96
25.	West Bengal	1.48	1.26	2.15
26.	A & N Island	0.02	0	0
27.	Delhi	0.02	0	0
28.	Others	0.63	0.07	0.07
TOTAL:		129.79	149.07	133.5

Approval of refinery projects

*520. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of approvals in respect of refinery projects of M&E Oil Ltd. and Reliance Petroleum Ltd. with regard to final-in-principle clearances under Forest Conservation Act; under Coastal Regulation Zone Act (CRZ Act) and under Wild Life Act respectively; and

(b) whether it is a fact that no further approvals are required by these refineries under these Act?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The various approvals accorded under the Acts are as follows:

I. Under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980:—

- (i) Final approval for diversion of 1.9866 ha. forest land for laying pipeline and approach facilities in favour of M4 Reliance Petroleum Ltd. on 18.8.97.
- (ii) Final approval for diversion of 0.18 ha. forest land for construction of approach road in favour of M1 Reliance Petroleum Ltd. on 18.8.97.

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- (iii) Final approval for diversion of 15.49 ha. forest land for laying pipeline in favour of M/s Essar Oil Ltd. on 8.12.1999.

II. Under CRZ Notification:

- (i) MA Reliance Petroleum Ltd. was granted environment clearance to the refinery project including jetty and associated marine facilities on 25.9.1995. As such no separate CRZ clearance has been issued.
- (ii) M/s Essar Oil Ltd. was granted CRZ clearance for construction of jetty and associated marine facilities on 3.11.2000.

III. Under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:

The statutory authority to exercise powers under sections-29 and 33 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 vests with the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State and not the Central Government.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Effect of tax free imports on Indian Farmers

† 3789. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food items being brought into the country by multinational companies after implementation by Government of a import duty free system, are affecting the Indian farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of food items which come under the purview of the said system; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the system for a solution of this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Presently, the import of only a few food items *i.e.* onions, cashew nuts in shell, meslin, rye, barley, oats, buckwheat, canary seed and other cereals (except wheat, rice and maize) is duty-

† Origins I notice of the question was received in Hindi.